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## [IDS] INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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- [X] An English translation of each document  $\underline{AN}$  (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.
- [X] A concise explanation of the relevance of document AN is found in the attached Russian search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).
- [X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20). However, a concise explanation of relevance is being provided in the form of the attached <u>Russian Search Report</u>.
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Respectfully submitted,

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